trict Health Officer at Dharni, appointment of honorary Doctors, establishment of Paediatric ICU in Dharni and Chikaldhara Community Health Centres, appointment of honorary Paediatricians, filling up of vacant posts, appointment of Para Volunteers in Hamlets, training of Dais and Health education measures. In addition, budget for medicines and POL has been increased.

Under the Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme, interventions for effective immunisation, control of Diarrhoeal diseases and acute respiratory tract infections, prophylaxis against Vitamin 'A' and iron deficiency are being implemented.

(c) A Central Planning Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Welfare) has been constituted to monitor and review preventive measures taken to check death of children due to malnutrition.

The establishment of the health infrastructure, health manpower, stocking of medicines the implementation of the MCH and immunization programme are also monitored at the Central level.

The State Government has been asked to prepare a detailed action plan and periodically review the preventive measures taken.

The State Government has sanctioned separate post of Project Officer in Melghat forest region with Headquarters at Dharni for monitoring various preventive measures.

(d) Under child Survival & Safe Motherhood Programme, provision of assistance of Rs 166.50 lakh has been made for the State of Maharashtra for purchase of vaccines, drugs cold chain equipments etc during 1997-98.

An amount of Rs 50.96 lakh has been released for the Integrated Child Development Services Project as the first instalment, to the State of Maharashtra during 1997-98.

The State Govt of Maharashtra has sanctioned Rs 125.85 lakh for implementation of special measures in addition to regular budget during 1997-98.

Recognition of BDS degrees of universities in Maharashtra

2524. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Question 194 and 207 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government issue a Gazette Notification publishing recognition of MBBS/BDS degrees, before a State Medical Council/ Dental Council can undertake the process of registration;

(b) if so, on which date, the Dental Council of India recommended to recognise BDS degrees of Pune, Amaravati and Shivaji/Kohlapur Universities;

(c) the reasons for delay in issuing the notification despite the recommendation of the Dental Council; and

(d) by when Government are likely to issue the said Gazette Notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The dates when Dental Council of India recommendations were received:

Sl. No	Name of the University	Date
1.	Pune Universiti	21-1-97
2.	Amaravati University	10-5-97
3	Shivaji University	14-2-96

But the recommendations of the Council were not complete and on examination of the inspections reports and recommendations of the Council certain deficiencies were noticed and the clarifications/ details were called for from the Council. The matter is under process and the Gazette notification will be issued after the removal of deficiencies and also satisfying the laid down standards as per the provisions of the Dentists Act.